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**SUBJECT: THE DIAMONDS AND THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA APPEAR AT
JASPER ARTS CENTER**

Jasper Community Arts will present *The Diamonds* with *The Glenn Miller Orchestra* at the Jasper Arts Center on Friday, March 20th, at 7:30 p.m. This double hit vocal and musical extravaganza will dazzle the audience with the best of Jukebox Junction.

In this gigantic season spectacular, *The Diamonds* will entertain the audience not only with their own songs but other great American hits covering four decades. From big band hits to doo wop and rock and roll classics, *The Diamonds* will be backed up by the *Glenn Miller Orchestra*.

The Diamonds shot to stardom with their 1957 hit *Little Darlin'* and haven't looked back since. Over the years they've garnered three gold records (*Silhouettes*, *The Stroll* and *Little Darlin'*), made thirty-three appearances on *American Bandstand*, appeared on the soundtracks for *American Graffiti* and *Happy Days*, and have been inducted into the Vocal Group and Doo-Wop Halls of Fame. Gary Owens has spent the longest time with the group (1973). He sings baritone, plays several instruments, and is the business head behind the group. Tenor Sean Sooter has years of experience directing and traveling in musicals and provides the element of humor to the group. Jerry Siggins is the lead singer and appeared in numerous musicals and on TV before joining the group in 1991. The newest addition to *The Diamonds* is bass singer Jeff Dolan who has many off-Broadway credits, is a Grammy winner and will wow the audience with his blue trombone.

The second half of the show will feature the *Glenn Miller Orchestra* in this dynamic two-fer. Glenn Miller disappeared on December 15, 1944. The bandleader went down over the English Channel on a flight from London to Paris at the height of his popularity. In September 1942, just prior to going into the army, he had disbanded his famous orchestra and eventually formed the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band to entertain the servicemen.

Not long before he enlisted, he nosed-out Tommy Dorsey in the Downbeat poll. His recordings of *In The Mood*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *A String of Pearls*, *Moonlight Serenade* and *Tuxedo Junction* were all major hit records. Miller played to sell out crowds, and his music constantly dominated the airwaves.

Now, over seventy years since the public first embraced the successful Miller Sound, both the legend and the music live on. The Miller Estate formed the present *Glenn Miller Orchestra* in 1956 following strong popular demand. The band has been touring consistently since, playing an average of 300 live dates a year around the globe to millions of fans.

Tickets for this vocal and musical spectacle are still available and may be ordered by calling the Jasper Arts Center at 812-482-3070. Learn more by visiting us on the web at www.jasperarts.org . Prices are \$35 for adults, \$33 for seniors and \$30 for students and children.

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